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Sir: Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

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For:
STORAGE SUBSYSTEM

Enclosed are:



33 Sheets of Drawings



This application is being filed without an executed Declaration.



Priority is claimed from Japanese Application No. 2001-153345 & 2001-344010 filed 5/23/01 & 11/9/01. A certified copy is attached herewith.



Copies of the disclosure documents listed on the attached PTO 1449 form and discussed in the specification or attached Information Disclosure Statement.



A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27.



Specification: Abstract , Description 87 pages; and 24 claim(s).



Preliminary Amendment.



Executed Declaration.

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